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Clemson University  
Clemson, South Carolina

MINUTES

THE CLEMSON UNIVERSITY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Holmes Ballroom, Clemson House  
Clemson, South Carolina  
Friday, January 20, 1995

After notification as required by the Freedom of Information Act, the Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. with the following members present: Bill L. Amick, presiding; Louis P. Batson, Jr., J. J. Britton, W. G. DesChamps, Lawrence Gressette, Harold D. Kingsmore, Louis Lynn, Patricia McAbee, Thomas McTeer, Buck Mickel, Joe Swann, Allen Wood, Fletcher Derrick, P. W. McAlister, Paul Quattlebaum and Manning N. Lomax, Secretary

Administration Present: Philip H. Prince, Jay Gogue, Almeda Jacks, Charles Jennett, David Larson, Gary Ransdell, Ben Anderson and Cathy Sams

Media Present: Bill Robinson, *The State*; Bobby King, *Greenville News*; Kevin Chapman, *Anderson Independent-Mail*; Rob Anderson, WYFF - TV; Paul Brown, WSPA - TV; Glen Spake, WSPA - TV; Greg Oliver, *Clemson Messenger*; Tyrone Walker, *The Tiger*

**Item 1. Approval of Minutes**

Statement: The Minutes of the November 1, 1994 Board meeting previously were submitted to the Trustees.

Action: Mr. Mickel made a motion to approve the Minutes as submitted, Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

**Item 2. Dates of Future Board and Committee Meetings**

Statement: Mr. Lomax, Secretary of the Board, announced that the Board of Trustees will meet on April 7, 1995 in the Myrtle Beach area. An exact location will be announced. A date for the Institutional Advancement Committee will be announced. The Educational Policy and Agriculture and Natural Resources Committees will meet on March 8, 1995. The Audit, Budget and Finance and Student Affairs Committees will meet on March 16, 1995.

**Item 3. Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee - Dr. Lynn**

ANR Committee Action Item

Annexation of Clemson Property by the City of Myrtle Beach

Statement: Jay Gogue recommended that this item be tabled until a future meeting because additional information is being gathered.

Action: Mrs. McAbee made a motion to table the item, Dr. Britton seconded the motion and the vote of the Committee to table was unanimous.

#### Informational Items

##### 1. Revision and Update of Animal Health Laws in 1994

Statement: Dr. Gogue reported that Livestock-Poultry Health completed a thorough revision and update of our Animal Health Laws in 1994. These had not been updated since 1952. This necessitated an update of the regulations which explain the process of applying the laws.

##### 2. Proposed Operational Changes at Dominica

Statement: Dr. Gogue informed the Board that Clemson University's operation in Dominica has not been as successful as envisioned. The Archbold Tropical Research Center which is often associated with Dominica has been quite successful throughout the Caribbean, Central and South America. Basically, the operation in Dominica has been funded through indirect costs returned to the College of Forestry from various research projects of the Archbold Tropical Research Center. We are in the process of reviewing all options for our continued presence in Dominica. We are looking at options such as a stronger consortia arrangement and/or a management and operation contract with a suitable not-for-profit. He stated that as we identify the best option, we will communicate with the Board.

##### Item 4. Audit Committee - Mr. Mickel

Statement: Mr. Mickel stated that the Audit Committee had nothing to report to the full Board.

##### Item 5. Budget and Finance Committee - Mr. Gressette

###### Action Item

###### Bond Resolution

Statement: Mr. Gressette stated that on December 8, 1994 the Budget and Finance Committee approved a State Institution Bond Resolution to request the State Budget and Control Board to issue \$3,075,000.00 of State Institution Bonds on Clemson University's behalf to make permanent improvements in Barre, Jordan and Lehotsky Halls to improve indoor air quality and to pay the cost of issuance (Attachment 1).

Action: Mr. Gressette made a motion to approve the State Institution Bond Resolution, Mr. Mickel seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous.

##### Item 6. Educational Policy Committee - Dr. Britton

###### Action Item

Name Change for Freshman Engineering to "General Engineering

Statement: Charles Jennett made this recommendation. All engineering students not having transferred to a specific engineering discipline, including true freshmen, would be enrolled in the "General Engineering Program," and the current Freshman Engineering and Engineering Graphics would be combined in the "Division of General Engineering." These changes in name would entail no changes in personnel and would have no financial impacts whatsoever. The two engineering courses currently offered by Freshman Engineering would continue with the rubric "ENGR." This proposal was approved by the Educational Policy Committee at its meeting on December 1, 1994.

Action: Dr. Britton, on behalf of the Educational Policy Committee, moved that the recommendation be approved. The vote of the full Board to approve was unanimous.

#### **Item 7. Institutional Advancement Committee - Mr. Batson**

##### **Action Item**

##### **Resolution - Hanover House**

Statement: Mr. Batson reported that the Institutional Advancement Committee approved this Resolution (Attachment 2) at its meeting on December 8, 1994. Since the Hanover House is on the National Historic Register, this Resolution is necessary to meet the requirements of that organization. The Resolution states that the Board of Trustees endorses the current placement of the Hanover House as its long-term site and that the property in the immediate vicinity of the Hanover House is to be used principally for the purposes associated with the protection and enhancement of the Hanover House.

Action: Mr. Batson, on behalf of the Institutional Advancement Committee, made a motion to approve the Resolution. The vote of the full Board to approve was unanimous.

##### **Informational Item**

Statement: Gary Ransdell presented the Clemson University Foundation Mid-year Gift Report. This report indicated that \$17,321,852 have been received which is a 55% increase over this time last year. This total includes a \$7.1 million gift of land at Debordieu Colony in Georgetown County, \$8 million in cash donations and approximately \$2 million through gifts in kind.

#### **Item 8. Student Affairs Committee - Mr. Wood**

##### **Action Item**

##### **Medical Fee Policy**

Statement: Almeda Jacks discussed a proposal to revise the medical fee policy. The purpose of the policy revision was at the request of students who felt there were inequities in the current policy. A task force comprised of staff and student representatives recommended the proposed policy which mandates that students taking 7 or more credit hours per semester during the Fall and/or Spring will pay the fee. During any given summer session, students taking 4 or more hours

per session will be required to pay the health fee. This proposal was approved by the Student Affairs Committee at its meeting on December 8, 1994.

Action: On behalf of the Student Affairs Committee, Mr. Wood made a motion for the full Board to approve the policy. The vote of approval by the full Board was unanimous.

**Item 9. Ratification of Mail Ballots**

Statement: The Secretary of the Board presented the following mail ballots for ratification:

- A. Honorary Degree - Senator John Drummond - October 3, 1994  
The Board approved awarding an honorary degree to Senator John Drummond.
- B. Honorary Degree - Governor Carroll Campbell - October 3, 1994  
The Board approved awarding an honorary degree to the Governor.
- C. New Student Center - Site Development - October 19, 1994  
The Board approves awarding a contract to Zorn Company, Inc. of Seneca, SC in the amount of \$1,297,000.
- D. Kinard Hall Annex Renovations - October 28, 1994  
Approval is granted by the Board to award a contract to Matrix Construction Company of Anderson, SC in the amount of \$421,560.00.
- E. Old Pee Dee Station - December 5, 1994  
The Board approves the sale of the 251 acre tract of land known as the Old Pee Dee Station for a minimum bid price of \$1,442,500. Proceeds from the sale are to be placed in an endowment and income from the endowment will be used to support research programs at the Pee Dee Research and Education Center.
- F. Bell Atlantic Lease - December 5, 1994  
Approval is granted by the Board to lease approximately 0.70 acre of land to Bell Atlantic for a term of five years for \$6,000 per year, four five-year options to renew, 15 percent increase for each renewal period. The subject property is adjacent to the State microwave tower.
- G. Honorary Degree - Mr. Joe Shirley - December 5, 1994  
The Board approved granting an honorary degree to Mr. Joseph Alvin Shirley.

- H. Poole Agriculture Center - Reroofing - December 9, 1994  
The Board approves the awarding of a contract to Pickens Roofing and Sheet Metal, Inc. in the amount of \$658,129.00 to reroof the Poole Agricultural Center.
- I. Strom Thurmond Institute - Change Order #5 - December 9, 1994  
Approval by the Board is granted to the Administration to execute Change Order #5 to the Strom Thurmond Institute remediation contract in an amount not to exceed \$241,943.00.
- J. Carolina Panthers Agreement - December 12, 1994  
The Carolina Panthers of the National Football League will be playing their home games of the 1995 season in Clemson's Memorial Stadium. The University has been negotiating an agreement with Richardson's Sports, the owner of the Carolina Panthers, covering all aspects of such an arrangement. The agreement includes a lease of University real estate. The Board of Trustees grants authority to the Chairman of the Board to sign the agreement, as approved by the Administration, on behalf of the University.
- K. University Square Associates Lease - December 12, 1994  
The Board approves a lease between the University and University Square Associates for the University to lease 1,475 square feet of space for use by the Municipal Court of the Student Affairs Division.
- L. Bell Atlantic Mobile Lease - December 12, 1994  
The Board approves a lease agreement between the University and Bell Atlantic Mobile for .918 acre of University property for a temporary tower on campus. The lease is for a period of five months and the rental rate is for \$2,000, paid in advance.
- M. Privatization Guidelines - December 21, 1994  
The Board approves the Privatization Guidelines which will be used to evaluate contract/self-operation decisions regarding privatization.

Action: Mr. Mickel made a motion to ratify all mail ballot actions, Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote of the full Board to ratify was unanimous.

#### **Item 10. President's Report**

Statement: Mr. Prince reported on several positive experiences toward Clemson that he has encountered in the last few weeks. He stated that last week he received a check in the amount of \$1,000 from a professor at the Harvard School of Business for the Clemson fund. This check was sent in appreciation for the

education the professor's son received at Clemson University. While attending the Sugar Bowl, he saw a message on the score board which read "Stacey, congratulations on being accepted to Clemson University. Mom and Dad."

President Prince discussed the success of the PEER Program for minority students in the College of Engineering. In the seven years prior to the time that the impact of the PEER program took effect, an average of 16 minorities graduated from the College of Engineering. That number has steadily increased since 1991/92 through 1993/94 -- 20, 27, 34 and 39 respectively. It is expected that this number will continue to increase to at least 50 per year.

He reported on the success of the English Department's Innovative Writing Lab. Enrollment in this program has increased from 122 in 1992 to over 400 during this Fall semester. It is evident that the communication skills and writing proficiency of Clemson students across the University have been drastically improved.

President Prince made several announcements to the Trustees. Dr. Daniel Stanzone, a Clemson alumnus, has been named President of the AT&T Bell Laboratories. Mr. Prince has been elected Chairman of the Council of Presidents. The President's message at the General Faculty Meeting on December 21, 1994 was that he believes that Clemson University has the finest faculty of any university in the country. They do a quality job in teaching, research and public service. The Faculty Senate and the President will be working together to move the University forward.

President Prince informed the Board that the Commission on Higher Education has requested a response on the impact a 5% percent reduction in state appropriations would have on the University. Mr. Prince indicated that if this budget cut occurs, all of the savings that will be generated by restructuring will go to the State. It is imperative that we communicate to the legislature how devastating it will be to all of higher education to have to absorb a 5% cut.

#### **Item 11. Executive Session**

**Statement:** Chairman Amick stated that he would entertain a motion to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the candidates for the Thirteenth President of Clemson University. He further stated that no decisions would be made and no votes taken while in executive session.

**Action:** Dr. Britton made a motion to go into executive session, Mr. Mickel seconded and the vote to approve was unanimous. The Board went into executive session at 9:30 A.M.

#### **Item 12. Open Session**

**Statement:** The Chairman reconvened the Board in open session at 1:25 P.M. He announced that no decisions were made and no votes were taken while the

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Board was in executive session. He stated that the Trustees did discuss each of the four final candidates for the Presidency of Clemson University in great detail and are now close to achieving a consensus. The Chairman opened the floor to nominations for the Presidency of Clemson University

Action: Mr. Gressette nominated Dr. Constantine W. "Deno" Curris to be the Thirteenth President of Clemson University. Mr. Mickel made a motion to close the nominations. Dr. Britton seconded the motion to close the nominations and the vote of approval was unanimous.

The Chairman asked all Trustees who favor the election of Dr. Constantine W. "Deno" Curris as the Thirteen President of Clemson University to stand. All Trustees present stood. The Chairman announced that Dr. Constantine W. Curris has been elected by a unanimous vote to be the Thirteenth President of Clemson University.

Mr. Amick notified Dr. Curris of his election by conference call. Dr. Curris accepted the position and thanked Mr. Amick and the Board Members for their confidence in him. He stated that he considered it a great honor to have the opportunity to build on the legacy of Thomas Green Clemson. Cathy Sams, Associate VP for Public Affairs, posed a few questions on behalf of the media present to Dr. Curris. President Prince congratulated Dr. Curris and stated that he is looking forward to Dr. Curris' coming to Clemson.

**Item 13. Adjournment**

Statement: Mr. Gressette moved that the meeting adjourn, Mr. Kingsmore seconded and the vote of approval was unanimous. The meeting adjourned at 1:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Manning N. Lomax  
Secretary of the  
Board of Trustees